

2398 CROUT HOUSE - 1892 - 909 Harris Mill Road, Maryland Line. Five-bay, 2-½ story, frame and clapboard, cross-gabled Victorian Gothic Revival house with large white composition shingles.

The main gable peak window is pointed in the "Gothic" style. Most windows are 2-over-2. The house contains an inscription on a sliding door: "Built 1892 by C. & W. Crout." The house also contains a mantel with a scroll-sawn 1892 date.

The house features a central stair with massive oak newell post and polished bannister of oak, curved at the second story landing. A second stair serves the finished attic level. The front door has two round-topped panels and two rectangular panels on the outside surface, four rectangular panels on the inside surface. The door is flanked by three stained glass panes, topped by two colored lights and a long clear transom light.

The interior features include "picture frame" door frames with _____ mouldings. The kitchen is lined with wainscoting. There are a number of bracketed shelves throughout the house, and wooden mantels. Holes are provided for stove pipes.

The most notable feature of the house in 1988 was the survival of original stained and varnished surfaces, including illustrations and faux graining patterns worked into the interior doors. This house had no central heating or plumbing in 1988. Its wall paper was peeling off, but there was only an occasional crack in the plaster. The house is supported by a full-width transverse beam about 9 inches square under the first floor. The full, open cellar is earth-floored.

The old ruinous house on this property is to the east, of frame and chestnut siding, with a primitive stairway tucked into the space next to the fireplace. This room has a plain but elegant fire place and some paneling. There is also a purely decorative mantel installed in other first-story room; that mantel is of a classical design, possibly Federal. The old house is probably the Kennedy house shown on the 1877 atlas plate of District 7.

(The main house is on Sheet 39-B-NW of the 200-scale maps; 410 feet east of I-83; 1,320 feet east of No. 21525 York Road in Maryland Line village.)

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